

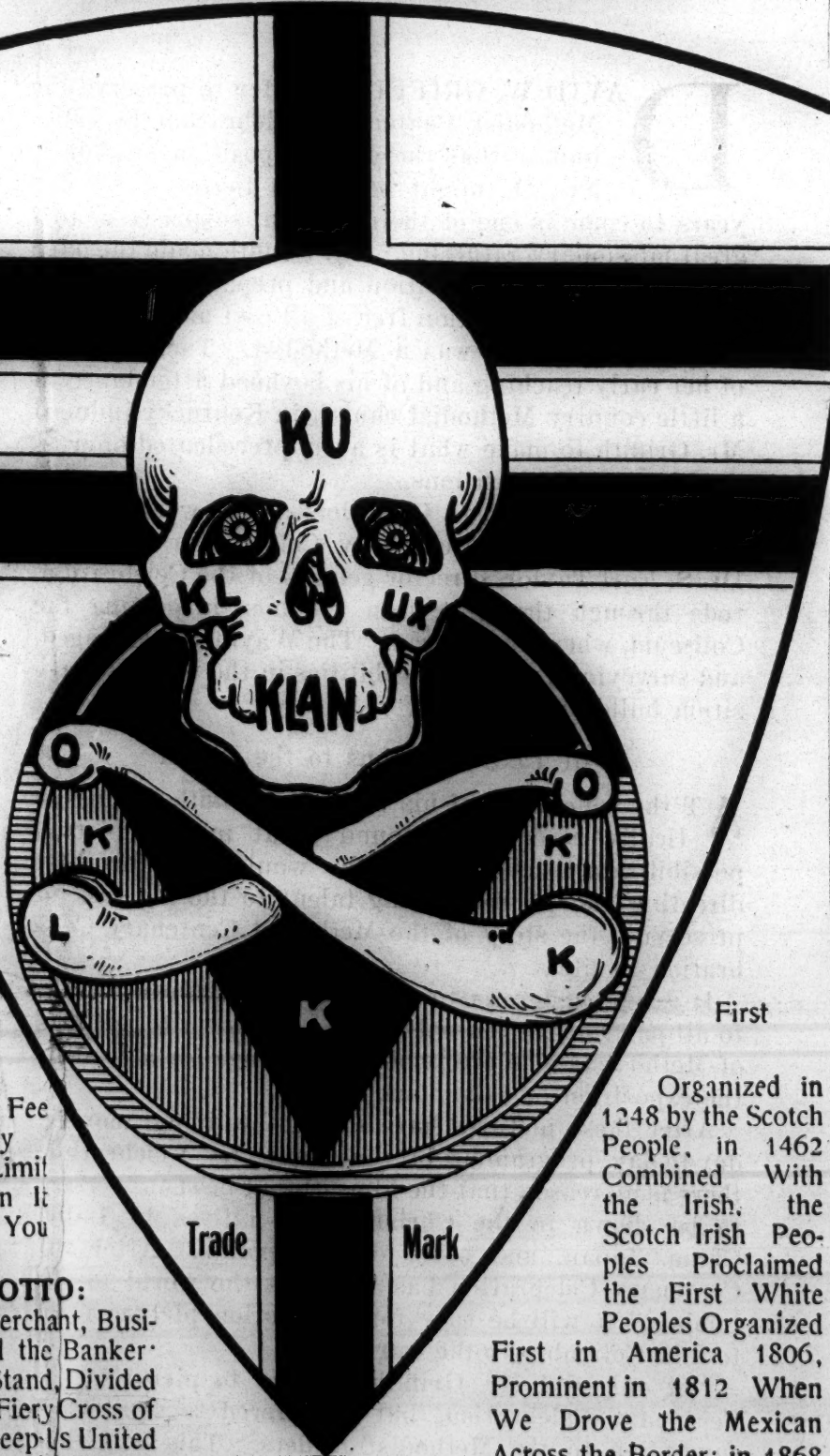
Ku Klux Klan-1919.

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LOYAL ORDER OF KLANSMEN, Inc.

Social--Fraternal--Military--Patriotic and Protective Order

∴ A SOUTHERN ORDER FOR SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN ∴



Regular Fee
\$50.00

NOTICE

Open Charter Fee
\$10.00 Only
to Join Now, Limit
30 Days, Then It
Will Cost You
\$50.00

OUR MOTTO:

To Farmer, Merchant, Busi-
ness Man and the Banker
United We Stand, Divided
We Fall, the Fiery Cross of
Our Ranges Keeps Us United
With the Financial Powers

First

Organized in
1248 by the Scotch
People, in 1462
Combined With
the Irish, the
Scotch Irish Peo-
ples Proclaimed
the First White
Peoples Organized

First in America 1806,
Prominent in 1812 When
We Drove the Mexican
Across the Border; in 1868

of the World as We Meet
One Another. AU-K E E.

NOTICE: If You Are an All-Southern Gentleman, Then Sign Below and Mail to
Our General Offices Broadway Theatre Building, Charlotte, N. C.

LOYAL ORDER OF KLANSMEN, INC.
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
GENTLEMEN:

Please find enclosed the required charter fee of \$10.00 for application for membership
into the above order, along with three (3) references that I am of good character and of
the white race, an all-Southern gentleman. If accepted into the range of your secret order
I agree to continue over the five degrees which are—Red Message, Grand Dragon, K. K. K.
Fiery Cross and the Ku-Klux-Klan.

If not accepted it is understood that my membership fee shall be returned in thirty
days from date of application.

SIGNED
TOWN

REFERENCES:

Name Address
Name Address
Name Address

The above membership fee good only for thirty days from this date after which it
will cost you fifty dollars to join.

LOYAL ORDER OF KLANSMEN, Inc.

Broadway Theatre Bldg.

13-15 W. Trade St.

Charlotte, N. Carolina

Phone 1213

General Offices open from 9 to 5 P. M.

R. F. LITAKER, Secretary.

TEXAS A. B. RITCHIE, Director General

Call, phone or write us about the Klan and History.

THE REVIVAL OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN

*South western Christian
Advocate 6/26/19*

When it was asserted that there is con-
siderable activity in the South looking to-
ward the reviving of the Klu Klux Klan, it
was doubted, but we are here presenting in-
disputable evidence of this fact in the fac-
simile production, slightly reduced, which
appeared in the Charlotte Sunday Observer
of Charlotte, N. C., under date of June 8th.
This advertisement convinces one beyond
doubt that this as a continuation of the in-
famous Ku Klux Klan that terrorized and
actually killed Negroes without let-up or
hindrance during the reconstruction period
of '68 to '72.

It will be noted that the call is only to
"the white race and all Southern gentlemen."
It is claimed that this order thought it
"saved the Southland in 1868". This re-
veals very clearly a movement of consider-
able strength that is on in the South for the
intimidation and terrorizing the Negro and
most of all for the prevention of his receiv-
ing anything like adequate and satisfactory
returns for services rendered in the world
war.

There are two movements in the South;
one that would give the Negro justice, we
should say equal justice, another movement

perhaps embracing a majority and certainly
very determined, which is headed up in the
Klu Klux Klan, that would not only prevent
the Negro from having any satisfactory re-
turns for services rendered in the world war
but would actually reduce him to a level
lower than the beginning of the war found
him. This advertisement, taken from the
Charlotte Observer makes interesting, as
well as very serious reading.

Saved the Southland.

Richmond Planet 7/15/19
A letter was brought to this office, showing that the revived Ku Klux Klan organization is to gain a foot-hold in this city. It is the same Order that was recently scathingly denounced by Governor Bickett of North Carolina. It explains itself. Here it is:



Suprem Klan of the World Columbian Union

COLUMBIAN UNION BUILDING, SIXTH AVENUE, NORTH
PHONE MAIN 4810

Nashville, Tenn.
June 6, 1919.

Honored Klansman:-

In all history there is no record of a braver race of men than the fathers who so valiantly aided in the reconstruction of our own beloved Southland, nor could there be a race more truly loyal and more truly law abiding and worthy of the utmost trust than those who cradled and upheld the Ku Klux Klan, even though it involved a seeming disregard of the then established law.

Their devotion to the interests of their fellowman, and their forgetfulness of self will forever enshrine them in the hearts of all true patriots.

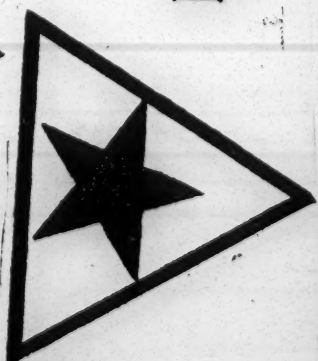
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We trust that the new Richmond Klan will be a worthy successor of the Klan of half a century ago, and that the new vision of reconstruction and service to our fellowman may ever be uppermost in their thoughts.

Those present in the Business Mens Club, American National Bank Building, at 8:30 o'clock P. M. sharp, June 16th, will be seated in the Degree of the mask; thereafter, election of officers will be held.

Yours faithfully,

For R. H. H. H.



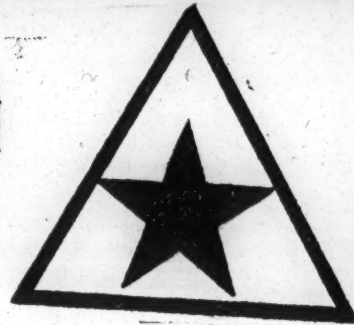
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Southern Klan of the World

Columbian Union

COLUMBIAN UNION BUILDING, SIXTH AVENUE, NORTH
PHONE MAIN 4610



Nashville, Tenn.

June 6, 1919.

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Ku Klux Klan - 1919

Klu Klux Klansmen Are Scaring Negroes In the East End

PITTSBURG, PA. LEADER
FEBRUARY 14, 1919

A self-styled Klu Klux Klan is spreading a reign of terror among the negro residents of the East End section of Pittsburgh.

Glaring notices warning colored men and women "to be careful and stay in their places" have been posted on leading negro churches on trees in the district and sent to the homes of prominent negro residents.

The police department has been notified of the outrage but has taken no action.

Warning of criminal character continue to appear in conspicuous places in the East End.

Some negroes fear for their lives and have not ventured out of their homes at night since the first notices began to appear.

Their homes and children are in danger, they fear, and police protection is not forthcoming.

Prominent negro citizens have been warned that the outrages committed in Virginia and Kentucky against colored

people will be duplicated here, unless they "watch their step."

Posters printed in red and black ink have been placed on many of the negro places of worship. They read: "Niggers—The War is Over. Remember the Klu Klux Klan is in Town. Stay in Your Own Places."

The first notice appeared on the outside of the Rodman Street Baptist church which has a congregation of more than 2,000. All members were notified to "stay in their places." The Rev. O. S. Simms, is pastor of the church and has as his assistant, the Rev. A. A. Martin. Mr. Simms is in Washington, but his assistant says that the board of directors of the church will take the matter before a large insurance company in an attempt to get adequate protection for their property.

The police have failed utterly and it is said that not even an attempt to get to the bottom of the outrage had been made.

Warnings continue to be posted at regular intervals.

Children have been warned by their parents to keep off the streets and some of the negroes have had someone stay up each night to guard their property.

The police have been unable to give an explanation and so far as is known have made no special efforts to apprehend the person or persons responsible for the criminal warnings.

Some negroes say that they believe that an organized movement is afoot to drive them out of the city.

They have also appeared on the Union Baptist church and it is reported that some have been placed on the building of the Euclid Avenue M. E. church.

Negro residents of Rodman street, Euclid avenue, Shakespeare avenue, Culver street and Collins avenue have received Klu Klux Klan warnings.

PITTSBURG, PA. LEADER

FEBRUARY 15, 1919

NEGROES ARE TERRORIZED BY THREATS

Terror-stricken East End negroes are seeking escape from threatened violence from a gang signing itself the "Klu Klux Klan."

Alarmed over the possibility of the bloody race riots of East St. Louis and Philadelphia being repeated here, leading negro residents of the East End are casting about for means to protect themselves from execution of the threats made by the mysterious organization which police have been unable to unearth.

When the African Methodist Episcopal conference begins Monday the principal subject to be brought before the churchmen will be the hostile warnings spread over the East End in poster form. For the last week or more signs ordering negroes to "stay in their places, or be put there" have been circulated, some tacked on telegraph poles, others on negro residences and churches.

With the discovery that the East End police apparently are powerless to combat the secret gang, representative negroes have decided to take their cases to the insurance companies. In this way protection is looked for from the companies, because should any of the property threatened be destroyed, the

insurance companies will be the losers.

A negro pastor today said that it is the opinion of the negroes that while persons who object to the invasion by negroes of districts populated only by Caucasians are responsible for the warnings. Efforts will be made to trace the origin of the signs and prosecutions will be made.

This sign was posted on the doors of many churches and homes:

KLU KLUX KLAN.
THE WAR IS OVER, NEGROES.
STAY IN YOUR PLACE. IF YOU
DON'T, WE'LL PUT YOU THERE.
(Signed) KLU KLUX KLAN.

Thus far no revival of the famous antics of the original Klu Klux Klan, or the notorious Night Riders of Kentucky, has taken place, but the warning continue to become more ominous and the negroes say they can sense a strained atmosphere throughout the district whenever they are abroad.

The continual menacing has frightened some of the negroes so much that they refuse to leave their homes at night and only go out when the streets are not deserted.

It was announced at the Frankstown avenue police station today that the district is being searched for the perpetrators of the warning signs, but thus far no arrest has been made.

All of the signs are printed in red and black ink, the threats standing out in bold relief caused by large-sized type. No printing office label has been found on any of the posters.

When he arrived at his office a day or so ago, Dr. Charles R. Hargrave, a dentist at 6325 Broad street, found one of the signs on his door, warning him to "keep in his place."

Four of the warnings have been posted on the home of John Davis, 509 North Highland avenue, a neighborhood given over to homes of some of the city's leading figures.

Not only are churches and the homes of laymen plastered on the outside with the warning notices, but the dwellings of pastors have been decorated in similar manner. The Rev. Charles Addison was advised of the existence of the gangsters through the medium of the posters.

Andrew Lewis, 1½ Shetland avenue, and Luther Dawson, rear of 6025 Hoeveler street, also were visited by the would-be terrorists and cautioned to be careful of their footsteps.

**No Klu-Klux Klan
In Pittsburgh
Rumor that Work of Southern
Ruffians Has Extended
North Denied**

Special to the Afro-American
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 19.—Rumors spread abroad thru the Associated Press that the Ku Klux of Southern ill-fame had extended its field toward Pittsburgh and was terrorizing local citizens were denied here today.

R. R. Vann, editor of the COURIER, sent the following statement to the Afro-American

today. "Investigation has proven nothing, evidently the work of ignorant bums."

The Associated Press sent out the following last Saturday.

A self-styled Flu Klux Klan is spreading a reign of terror among the Negro residents of the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh.

Glaring notices warning colored men and women "to be careful and stay in their place" have been posted on leading Negro churches in the district and sent to the homes of many Negro residents. Some Negroes fear for their lives and have not ventured out of their homes at night since the notices began to appear. Prominent Negro citizens have been warned that the outrages committed in Virginia and Kentucky against colored people will be duplicated here unless they "watch their step."

DR. DURHAM'S EXPLANATION.

We have received from Dr. A. D. Durham, who gives his address as "Y. M. C. A., Richmond, Va." and who called to see us in person during our absence from the city clippings from Nashville, Tenn. Banner under dates of January 13, 1919 and June 30, 1919 disclaiming the fact that the purposes of the Soveren Klan of the World, known as the Ku Klux Klan is to revive race hatred and to lead to the persecution of the colored people in this country. We have read carefully the articles in question and in order that our readers may have all the information before them, we have gone to the trouble and expense of reproducing in full these communications.

We take it that Dr. A. D. Durham means well but to our mind he has many things to explain. We came into possession of a circular letter sent to certain white gentlemen in this community and to no colored people, calling a meeting in the rooms of the Business Men's Club, American National Bank Building at an hour which it is alleged, the Club is closed. These men asked to meet here were to meet in "the degree of the mask." A man who is masked has his identity concealed. This recalls the prevailing system of the Middle Ages and of the period following reconstruction after the late Civil War when black men and women were called out from their homes in the nighttime and lashed into insensibility or lynched.

This letter written under date of June 6, 1919 at Nashville, Tenn., and

signed by Mr. J. B. Frost reads:

In all history there is no record of a braver race of men than the fathers who so valiantly aided in the reconstruction of our own beloved Southland, nor could there be a race more truly loyal and more truly law-abiding and worthy of the utmost trust than those who cradled and upheld the Ku Klux Kan, even though it involved a seeming disregard of the then established law.

Their devotion to the interests of their fellowmen and their forgetfulness of self will forever enshrine them in the hearts of all true patriots.

This then is an endorsement and a glorification of that reign of terrorism that has floated like a dark pall over the hopes and aspirations of the colored people of the Southland, who are now just beginning to trust the native born white people in this sunny land. With these words, Mr. J. B. Frost is glorifying murder and championing lawlessness. He does not stop there for he says:

The Columbian Union wishes to perpetuate not only the memory of the loving services of those worthy sires, but to renew the spirit of helpfulness, which made their valiant deeds possible.

If the desire is to renew the spirit of the helpfulness in the organization of the new Ku Klux Klan then the deeds of the past must necessarily be imitated in the deeds of the present. We have seen an outburst of it in the race riots at the capital of the nation. Mr. Frost confirms our opinion of his intentions and purposes of this new organization when he says:

We trust that the new Richmond Klan will be a worthy successor of the Klan of half a century ago, and that the new vision of reconstruction and service to our fellowman may ever be uppermost in their thoughts.

If the new vision of reconstruction and service are to be uppermost in the thoughts and purposes of the members of today, why should they not upon the alleging that colored men are attacking white women proceed under the degree of the mask to take out prominent colored people "in the dead of the night" and either lash them into insensibility or lynch them? The concluding paragraph of this letter is especially significant.

Here it is:

Those present in the Business Mens Club, American National Bank Building 8:30 o'clock P. M. sharp, June 16th will be seated in the Degree of the mask; thereafter, election of officers will be held.

If the intentions and purposes of these citizens who join the Klan are high and noble, why should they proceed to meet under a mask? We would like to know also, if it has been contemplated to organize Negro branches of this Sovereign Klan of the World and if they are organized will these colored men too meet under "the degree of the mask?"

The most gratifying part of the whole situation is that distinguished white men, "to the manor born," like Governor T. W. Bickett of North Carolina are outspoken in denunciation of the scheme. So far as we are concerned, colored men of the United States could well afford to vote for southerners of his type as President of the United States. The heaven is working and those white men in the North and South, who presumed that the friendly ties existing between the better class of white and colored people were but a rope of sand will find themselves mightily mistaken when the real test comes.

Colored men recently shouldered arms and offered their lives to protect the families, the lives and property of the white people of this country and they did not regard this duty lightly. They will combine to wipe out any organization or Klan that has for its purpose the stirring up of race prejudice between the races. It is too late now to take a step backwards. The wives and children of the white men shall be as safe under Negro protection as they would be under the protection of their own fathers and sons.

We regret that Dr. A. D. Durham who seems to mean well has become sponsor for such an organization that carries as its emblem, the private mark of Thomas Dixon and the leath-head of one of the most horrifying murderous organizations that has ever been organized since the foundation of the world, the Ku Klux Klan. For our part, we re-echo the ringing words of North Carolina's Chief Executive, when he said:

The scheme is so transparently

impossible, so plainly a gold brick proposition that ordinarily the inmates of a school for the feeble-minded could not be induced to part with their coin for a certificate of membership in such a soap bubble. "But running through the whole scheme is a wicked appeal to race prejudice. There is a hark back to the lawless time that followed the civil war and there is paraded before the mind of the reader the terrors of those dark days. The very name that is written on the death head is a subtle appeal to the fears and to the prejudices of our people.

There is no need for any secret order to enforce the law of this land, and the appeal to race prejudice is as silly as it is sinful. Just now all of us need to be considerate and kind and trustful in our dealings with the Negro. The best and wisest men in both races are cooperating.

Such an appeal is desperately working to strengthen the ties of friendship and of peace and lay broad and deep foundations of an enduring peace and prosperity for both races. I call on all men who do not desire to throw their money away to have nothing to do with this wildcat scheme and I call on all true patriots to frown down on any and every attempt to capitalize race prejudice into cash.

The man or order that encourages hatred or suspicion between races in North Carolina is the mortal enemy of both races. Let us wipe out all feelings of envy of suspicion of ill will of every kind between the black man and the white man and if there be any virtue if there be any praise let us think on these things.

This is our platform. These are the words to which we subscribe. Black men, who speak disrespectfully of white men and who would foment animosity on the part of their own people towards them should be sent to the rear. White men who do the same thing should be condemned to eternal oblivion.

We want a union of effort. With Old Glory floating over us all and white people in the Southland fraternizing with, helping colored people and colored people doing the same towards the white, let us have peace and let us cast behind us any and everything that would tend to disrupt a union that finds its origin around the throne of God.

THE KU KLUX KLAN IN MISSOURI

According to press reports from St. Joe, Mo., a white man, A. M. Lawrence, has brought suit against about two dozen of his neighbors charging that a secret clan is organized among them, and that he had been a victim of their alliance. He charges that the gang came to his home, administered a severe beating and hanged him to a tree until he was unconscious. The suits aggregate one hundred thousand dollars. *the St Louis 3/7/19*

It will be remembered that the Ku Klux Klan was organized to terrorize, beat and assault the Negro. We are glad that the white man is getting a dose of his own medicine. We have no doubt but that the same A. M. Lawrence was a member of the Klan, we believe he is one of those who took the path as a member, but thought only Negroes would be the victims. If he was not an active member of the Klan, he was a member by silence. Like many other forms of lawlessness that are rife in this country, the so-called "better class" of white people aids the promoters of these crimes by indifference or silence, thus they have become a party to these crimes.

The promoters of these lawless acts are, as a rule, ignorant and unscrupulous. Like the snake, as soon as they gather enough strength, they will bite any one. And in many cases, they strike the hand that fed them.

Many forms of lawlessness are breaking out in many sections of this country today. The officials whose duty it is to preserve law and order are cowards or indifferent. We hereby warn such officials and all good citizens to rise in righteous indignation and put a stop to these secret clans, lawlessness, and other forms of undemocratic practices.

WARNS AGAINST THE "KLU KLUX."

The Raleigh Independent 3-13-19
In the Durham Herald of March 6, is an article by Dr. R. Spiller, Pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, in which he discusses the resurrection of the "Klu Klux Klan." Dr. Spiller deplores this latest outbreak of "frighfulness" here in our boasted "land of the free" where there is supposed to be more intelligence, liberty and freedom per square foot than any other spot on the globe. Dr. Spiller shows the utter needlessness of the presumed fear on the part of the whites, suggests that instead of the "Klan" vainly attempting to terrify and browbeat the returning soldiers, all of us, white and black, should unite in a suitable memorial to the memory of the gallant boys of the South, white and black, who sleep in "Flanders Field." In closing, he warns that the "Klan" will have to deal with a new Negro and will accomplish nothing more than add more shame to the name of the nation.

Ku-Kluxism
the Christian Recorder
In the South

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26, 1918.

Editor Christian Recorder:

My Very Dear Brother:—I think it fitting at this time to say a closing word as the year dies, in relation to things pertaining to our work as a district and as a church.

Great have been the experiences which we have undergone during this year now closing, and many of us can truthfully say that they were not only new and varied, but that they were the severest tests of our entire lives up to date, and we are not seeking any more like them.

Many homes have been deprived of their sons, of their brothers and their fathers for war purposes, one way and another that cast shadows over them too deep for the sun to penetrate during the existence of those homes and their present inmates; long shadows, unyielding shadows, that hang low and heavy; even the shadows of death. Some shouldered their guns, others the sword, and others still the general paraphernalia of warfare, and went to the support of the national colors never to return, while others did their part and have returned with shattered limbs and wounded bodies, while still others are coming back without their eyesight and others that should have been killed on both

sides are living today without injury or blemish.

We have observed that these riots are usually precipitated by white men in uniform. They gather in groups and proceed to have "fun" with colored people. This leads to serious disturbances. Before President Wilson left for Europe the White House was guarded by black troops. Since his return, these black people need to be guarded from the attacks of white troops. It is the irony of fate.

In the meantime, colored people throughout the country would do well not to regard the affair as one of race or color, but rather a combination of the lawless elements of both races against law and order. It would be well too not to engage in talk that would tend to intensify race

hatred. We have too many white friends in this country just now working for our financial and industrial betterment to have this work retarded or halted by indiscreet utterances inspired by the fiery feeling now sweeping over localities like Washington, D. C., where the colored people themselves seem to be le to improve conditions by conservative action.

There is too much at stake, just now colored folks. The white hoodlums have been taught their lesson

and the colored ones can afford to be kept behind. God reigns and the government at Washington still lives.

North Carolina's Chief Executive In Bold Public Statement Declares It To Be "Wild Cat" Scheme To Rob People Through an Appeal To Race Prejudice.

The Journal & Times
7-5-19

Raleigh, N. C., July 2.—After making a thorough investigation of the "Klu Klux Klan," order which is being extensively advertised in the newspapers of the South, purporting to be a Southern white gentlemtn's social protective, fraternal, military and patriotic order, Governor Bickett made public a bold statement yesterday warning the people of this state againt the same saying, that it is a wicked appeal to race prejudice and a "wild cat" scheme to rob thepeople. His statement follows:

"A number of leading papers in latest art in the production of picture the state have been carrying full tures, having our own studios there page or half page advertisements of on our grand range. The balance of the Loyal Order of Klansmen. These advertisements also contain about two thousand will be put into large death head with cross bones, cultivation, parks, lagoons, drives, and on the death head is stamped the words "Ku Klux Klan." The advertisements have caused considerable alarm amongst the thoughtful people of both races, and I took steps to get some of the literature of this order.

"The blue sky artist blossoms to perfection in the literature and advertisements of this order. Starting with absolutely nothing and with only \$10,000 in stock subscribed for ninety-five percent of this being subscribed by people utterly unknown in North Carolina, and not known to have any tangible property, the order promises to all who will join it t have ready for their use and enjoyment by 1921, on a tract of land in Richmond county:

Promises of Order

"Four school buildings, with grades from the primray to the high school; auditorium, ten boarding school buildings, one hundred residences for our governors ad teachers, hospital sanitarium, emblem factory, this being the only one west of the Atlantic coast; machine shop, carpenter and wood working factory, garment factory, printing and binding plant, canning factory and cement works. Also a large nursery, and a two story building to be known as the K. K. K. building for the teaching of art, voice instrumental, and general business business course. Every building that is built upon our grand range will be fireproof throughout and strictly sanitary and modern in every detail. In order to make the surroundings one of home for our children, besides al the above, we will have on our grand range a moving picture producing company taking and developing the

In addition to the foregoing material things, the order proposes to take over and underwrite the government of this state and the United Stated. In its literature and advertisements it says that it is going to:

"Protect our farmer, his crops and our cotton; protect our country from lawless invasion; protect the women of our southland; protect our government; protect your family and educate them; protect our country from foreign interference in state; protect our properties from unlawful seizures; protect our peoples from roits and disorder."

"And all it costs to enter into the possession of these vast estates, and into the power and the glory of this omnipotent order is to pay into the now empty treasury the sum of \$50 to join and \$18 a year thereafter.

The scheme is so transparently impossible, so plainly a gold brick proposition that ordinarily the inmates of a school for the feeble minded could not be induced to part with their coin for a certificate of membership in such a soap bubble.

Appeal to Race Prejudice

"But running through the whole scheme is a wicked appeal to race prejudice. There is a hark back to the lawless time that followed the civil war, and there is paraded before the mind of the reader the terrors of those dark days. The very name that is written on the death head is a subtle appeal to the fears and to the prejudices of our people.

There is no need for any secret order to enforce the law of this land, and the appeal to race prejudice is as silly as it is sinful. Just now all of us need to be considerate and kind and trustful in our dealings with the Negro.

Such an appeal is desperately working to strengthen the ties of friendship and of peace and lay broad and deep foundations of an enduring peace and prosperity for both races. I call on all men who do not desire to throw their money away to have nothing to do with this wildest of wild cat schemes, and I call on all true patriots to frown down on any and every attempt to capitalize race prejudice into cash.

"The man or order that encourages hatred or suspicion between races in North Carolina is the mortal enemy of both races. Let us wipe out all feelings of envy of suspicion, of ill will of every kind between the black man and the white man, and if there be any virtue, if there be any praise let us think on these things."

"T. W. BICKETT, Governor.
Raleigh, N. C., June 28, 1919."

Ku Klux Gets Charter

Raleigh, N. C., July 18.—Over the protest of ~~the~~ the Loyal Order of Klansmen, a fraternal order with the insignia of the Ku Klux Klan, has been granted a charter in this state. The governor denounced the order as being another move to stimulate race hatred and to cause the South and the country an unlimited amount of trouble.

KEEP NEGROES OUT OF THE ORDER

7-11-19
Montgomery County Has

"Klan" Around Searching For Maniac Who Assaulted One Colored and Four White Persons.

(Special to the Afro-American)
Washington, D. C., July 9.—Activities of a colored maniac in assaulting one colored and five white girls in the past month have resulted in the organization of a Ku Klux Klan among citizens of Montgomery county, Maryland, the Bethesda district and other places near the District of Columbia Line. Miss M. Simmons, a teacher in one of the suburban colored

schools was the first victim. She was making a short cut thru the woods, when she was suddenly attacked by a man who held a razor to her throat and vowed to cut it from ear to ear if she made an outcry. While accomplishing his purpose the mad man was surprised by a neighbor and fled on his motorcycle left standing nearby.

WHITE WOMEN VICTIMS

Following this attack, assaults were made upon four white women in succession and the last was on Saturday evening, Mary Saunders, white, was the fifth victim. Her description of the maniac tallies with that of others.

White citizens all over the county organized in searching parties to hunt down the criminal, and more than twenty persons arrested in Baltimore, Washington and Montgomery county were released when the girl failed to identify them. Nearly \$2500 in rewards have been offered for the arrest of the right man.

KLAN ORGANIZED

In the Bethesda district an organization of men was formed for patrol work, and several innocent colored men have been terrorized by white gangs. While the original plan of the "Klan" is to find the criminal, they also intend, to keep the colored people of the entire section in order. Whites are said to be dissatisfied because the colored people will not work except under the best conditions and at their own prices. The "Klan" by inspiring fear and violence if necessary, is planning to abolish idleness.

BISHOP ISSUES STATEMENT

In a statement made public today Bishop I. N. Ross of the A. M. E. Church said the colored citizens of the District are ready and willing to assist in the capture of the colored man who recently attacked several white women in the northwest suburbs, but asked that there be no mob violence in the event the assailant is caught. The statement reads:

"The colored citizens of the District are as much angered by the alleged assaults upon women here as any one can be. They are earnestly hoping and willing to aid to the utmost in the effort to apprehend the criminal.

"All they ask, however, is that there be no mob violence. They ask that the law be allowed to administer the punishment through the courts."

BROOKLYN N. Y. EAGLE

JULY 5, 1919
"LOYAL ORDER OF KLANSMEN."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People" is an organization as open in its methods as the Freedman's Bureau and the Union League were in 1868 in the South. It demands equal rights—politically and before the law. The story that to meet and suppress such agitation a revival of the "Ku-Klux" is planned, grotesque as it may seem to Northern minds, is accepted as serious by Governor

Bickett of North Carolina, who denounces the "Loyal Order of Klansmen" as "desperately wicked" in its race prejudice.

"Thousands of our best Southern men have already come into the secret mysteries of our Fiery Cross" is an appeal to all white men to join the Klansmen. Their name is as suggestive as the "Fiery Cross." The old Ku-Klux Klan, whose first "Den" was at Pulaski, Tennessee, took its name from the Greek kuklos, meaning camp or circle, modified to "Ku-Kloi," and then to "Ku-Klux." Its work of terrorization is on record in many volumes of sworn testimony before Congressional committees. It made masked midnight raids on the cabin of any negro standing for the rights of his race, took him out, whipped him unmercifully, hanged him, often. The white men who aided negroes in securing their rights were often victims. Whoever wants to study the subject will find the defence admirably stated by Thomas Dixon, the denunciation of the Ku-Klux equally strongly put by Judge Tourgee. The "Clansman" and the "Fool's Errand" are fiction Bibles for the two sides—decidedly fiction Bibles—because each is one-sided. "The rights of the negroes" meant bad government, confiscatory taxation in Mississippi, in Alabama, in South Carolina, in Louisiana. But the way of suspending these rights by terrorism was hateful to good people in the North and not welcome to the large number of Southern men who saw in peace between the races the best hope of economic progress.

It is not likely that an "Invisible Empire" with a Grand Wizard and ten Genii; a Grand Dragon and eight Hydras; a Grand Titan and six Furies; with the accompaniments of Grand Cyclops, Grand Monks, Grand Scribes, Goblins and Night Hawks will be re-established. The reason is, first, that feeling in the South does not justify anything of the sort; and, second, that there is no brain like that of General Nat Forrest intent on the scheme. But that race irritation is increasing in the South; that every lynching accentuates it; that Negroes who have fought abroad are not likely to refuse to defend their people at home, many persons are inclined to believe. In the meantime, as The Eagle has more than once noted, the industrial South depends on Negro labor, and conciliation is the only means of keeping it. Common sense—the common sense for which Governor Bickett is standing—

will almost certainly hold the hot heads in control.

KU KLUX BUSY IN MISSISSIPPI

**A Reputable African Methodist Minister
Attacked—Bound And Blindfolded—
Escapes Mob—Makes His Way To
Philadelphia—Race Newspapers Are
Barred From Mississippi.**

Those who have read the Christian Recorder have noted from time to time, the warning which we have given with regard to what would wait our boys upon their return to this country. We predicted that Ku Kluxism would spread all over the South. Last Saturday morning Rev. T. A. Collins of Yazoo City, Miss., came to our office. We will not attempt to tell Brother Collins' story, but will ask him to tell it for himself: Two weeks ago there came to Yazoo City, a man by the name of Williams, to lecture to colored people. He had hand bills printed, and on these hand bills had several topics the main topic was: "I will advise Negroes to stay in the South among their friends, where they are better treated." I said that I would not go three steps to hear him speak on these topics. Two days afterwards, I was called in question by Rev. Geier, Pastor of one of the churches across the railroad of Yazoo City, where Williams was suppose to speak. He asked me if I had said that. I would not go to hear Williams speak. I told him I did. They had the meeting, but failed to have an audience. Mr. Grier, one of the white people had told them that it was my influence that kept them from having a crowd for Williams to speak. I was called before the Commercial Club, of white men, and the first thing was asked me was, did I say that I would not go to hear Williams speak. I told them I did. They asked me the reason why. I told them because I did not think much of him as a speaker. They questioned me about the Defender, as to whether I subscribed for it or not, and wanted to know of me, when was the last time I had received one. I told them in January. They wanted to know from whom I got the Defender. I told them I got the last number from Miss Polly, the lady who was ordered to stop selling them. Then I was

asked concerning the Crisis: When I had last received one of them, and I told them in January, and that I had received it from Prof. Brown, and that Prof. Weber had bought it from me. I was asked then concerning colored people, and whether I liked to read that kind of literature. Then I was asked what kind of mail I had received at my home. I pulled my mail from my pocket, including my pocket book, and turned them over to them. They went through every detail of it. That was late in the afternoon, and about six o'clock: The Shriners had a parade. The men went out to see the parade, and when they came back, they gave orders through their spokesman, Mr. Bear-den, to have us blindfolded, our hands were tied behind us, and he announced that we would not be killed, but would be taken down and given a good beating. Besides myself were Mr. Woods, Mr. Stevens, Prof. Brown, Woods because there was some difference between Grier and himself, Stevens and myself because we objected to hearing the man Williams, and Prof. Woods because he sold the Crisis. They pushed us into cars, and in speeding out of Commercial street down Main, I secured my knife, cut my hands loose, and when the car turned into the main road going down to the river, in full speed, I shoved the door open with one hand, shoved the hood up with the other and leaped from the car. I did not lose my feet, but ran to the top of the hill, then to Monroe Street, went down home, secured my Winchester Rifle and told my wife to get to a place of safety, and that I would take care of myself. I came back up up the hill; wrote some checks and sent to the Trustees of my church, and walked to Jackson, forty-six miles, took the train and came to Philadelphia to see my Bishop."

The Afro-American
Following the organization of Negroes in the Society for the Advancement of Colored People, Lincoln League and like bodies thruout the country, for equal rights including the ballot, the Ku Klux Klan, ill-reputed bandits and night riders of the South, have begun to rise in opposition. 7-11-19

Headquarters of the SOVEREIGN KLAN OF THE WORLD, as it is called, are in the Columbian Union Building, Nashville, Tennessee, and from here a campaign for organization and a drive for members are being pushed in every large city of the South.

The advance literature sent out broadcast, states the undertakings of the Order to be PROTECTION of the farmer, his crops, and our cotton; PROTECT our country from lawless invasion; PROTECT the women of the South; PROTECT out state laws; PROTECT our country from foreign interference in the state; PROTECT our properties from unlawful seizures; PROTECT people from riots and disorders."

To stimulate membership the original initiation fee has been cut from \$50 to \$10, and the annual dues are \$18 per year.

The best insight into what the Klan expects to do is contained in the paragraph of a letter to likely members, which states:

"WE TRUST THAT THE NEW (RICHMOND) KLAN WILL BE A WORTHY SUCCESSOR TO THE KLAN OF A HALF CENTURY AGO."

Booker T. Washington, whose word on what the old Ku Klux Klans meant to the South, may be taken at its true value, writes in his autobiography:

"THE KU KLUX PERIOD WAS, I THINK, THE DARKEST PART OF THE RECONSTRUCTION DAYS. Lie the patrollers, the Ku Klux operated mostly at night. They were, however, more cruel than the patrollers. Their objects were in the main, to crush out the political aspirations of the Negroes, but they did not confine themselves to this, because schoolhouses as well as churches were burned by them, and many innocent persons were made to suffer. During this period, not a few persons lost their lives."

Ray stannard Baker, white, in his book "Following the Color Line," refers to the KuKlux Klan as the agency that restored practical slavery after the civil war. He says:

"The Ku Klux Klan, the Patrollers, the Bloody Shirt Movement were the agencies violent, cruel and inevitable which readjusted the relationships—put the aristocrats on top, the poor whites in the middle and the Negroes at the bottom."

This then is the kind of organization that is striving to resurrect itself again nearly a half century after its death, and wage a campaign of destruction, lynching, and terrorism among the Negroes and poor whites in the South.

No one believes that they can succeed. A strong white man like Governor Bickett of South Carolina called upon his whole state to "repudiate this desperately wicked appeal to race prejudice." All Richmond, white and colored is aroused by the

efforts of the Ku Klux to become established there. Two factors will crush the new KuKlux in its infancy: First the whole nation is more inclined than ever before to grant the Negro the Democracy he fought for in Europe; second, the Negro is more worthy of citizenship than he was fifty years ago and more able to protect his own and fireside.

**BLOT OUT KU-KLUX,
PLEA OF CITIZENS**
The Chicago Tribune
Not Satisfied With Orders
Flimsy Explanation

(By Century News Service)

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 14.—Since war has been declared on the infamous Ku-Klux Klan, an organization founded recently by southern white men, and having as its emblem the midnight torch, statements have flooded the daily papers seeking to justify the existence of the order, and declaring that its purpose is to create stronger ties of brotherhood. However, this assertion on the part of the order has not muzzled public opinion, and a stronger fight to blot out the order in its entirety has been pledged.

"Majestic Soveren" Speaks

Agitation brought about by reason of certain investigations has caused J. B. Frost (white), who styles himself "Majestic Soveren," to take the stand in defense of the Klan. He declared that it primarily founded to "promulgate the highest principles of Christian religion." His argument was shattered when it was proven that the organization had literally insulted Christianity by adopting an emblem significant of bloodshed, rapine and murder. It was also shown that the order played "hide and seek" by occasionally using the title "Columbian Union."

Schemes Are Practiced

In districts where public sentiment disfavors the Klan it is the practice to flash the name, Columbian Union. This is said to be done in order to stifle criticism until the organization has gained a foothold. Another view came to light when the statement was issued that the words Ku-Klux Klan were chosen in order to attract the attention of the common herd. The firm standing of the Masonics, Odd Fellows and Pythians had constructed a steep hill for the order to travel in the collecting of members, so a name carrying memories of a shady past was selected to command the public eye-sight.

Ku Klux Klan—1919

Klans Organized In Georgia.

The Christian Recorder
DAILY PAPER IN COLUMBUS PRAISES
THE EFFORT—AIMS TO MAINTAIN
WHITE SUPREMACY—DULY INCOR-
PORATED UNDER STATE LAWS OF
GEORGIA.

The Inquirer-Sun, a white daily paper published in Columbus, Ga., in its issue of January 3, tells of a new Ku Klux Klan, known as "Ti-Bo-Tim," being organized in that city.

The Sun said, in part:

"It is stated that a great patriotic, fraternal and benevolent society, composed of men who aspire to that which is noble for themselves and humanity, is being quietly formed and organized in Columbus and in many other localities throughout the land, an enduring monument to the valor and patriotic achievements of the original Klu Klux Klan.

"A great courage, a great spirit, a noble purpose, were the guiding principles of the society of the original Ku Klux Klan. Its noble work was indeed well done. The noblest heroes of history and the truest patriots of any nation were its members. What a fitting expression, of gratitude and appreciation is the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan that is being organized at this time. The spirit of the old Ku Klux Klan still lives, and while conditions are different there exists those sacred principles to defend pure Americanism; to practice clanishness toward each other; to exemplify a practicable benevolence, to shield the sanctity of the home and the virtue of womanhood; to forever maintain white supremacy, to teach and faithfully inculcate a high spiritual philosophy through an exalted ritualism and to conserve, protect and maintain distinct institutions, rights and privileges of Americanism.

"Those who are honestly interested and will make that fact known by addressing 'Ti-Bo-Tim,' Box 943, Columbus, will be communicated with and given the desired information regarding the mysteries and workings of the organization that is now nearing completion for the issuance of a charter, the organization being a

lected together white citizens who have pledged themselves to support its principles and to adhere to its early traditions. In speaking of the operations of the Klu-Klux Klan, a prominent white merchant of Columbus said: "Its noble work was, indeed, well done. The noblest heroes of history and the truest patriots of any nation were its members, who aided greatly in driving the Negroes from politics in this state. Our order can do even more than this."—Tampa Bulletin.

SEEK TO ABOLISH
THE OLD KUKLUX KLAN
DEPENDERS
1-4-19

Citizens Protest Existence of

Vicious Organization;
Courts to Act

(By Century News Service)

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3.—Since the expose of the organization known as the Ku Klux Klan by the Defender, public-spirited bodies have interested themselves in the movement to seek the abolishment of the order by appealing to the courts on the ground that the organization primarily purports to advance the idea of supremacy of the white races by inciting to riot. By virtue of the fact that Gov. Tom C. Rye and Gov.-elect A. H. Roberts were prominent members on the Nashville roster, letters of protest have literally flooded the state capitol seeking information regarding their connection with the nefarious movement.

N. A. A. C. P. Acts

The fact that this organization was established to welcome the returning soldiers and guard against their advancement politically, a sweeping investigation is being made by the New York office of the N. A. A. C. P. through its secretary, John R. Shillady. A letter has been sent to Gov. Rye by the association requesting him to make public the intentions of the organization. The governor's reply has not been received.

Has State Charter

When interviewed concerning the operations of the order, Arthur Mills, who styles himself "Majestic Viceroy," stated that the purposes of the organization are mysteriously surrounded with traditions of the past, and are among the most unusual of any secret order yet established. It has been groomed under the title of the Columbian Union, and was chartered in this

ANNISTON KU KLUX PARADES NIGHTLY
The Montgomery
ANNISTON, ALA., Oct. 17.—Annistons Ku Klux Klan, augmented to thirty or more white-clad members, is making nightly tours of the city in automobiles. Last night six automobile

loads of the White Capped Klan went through the city, covering practically every part. No demonstration was made and it has not yet become apparent just what the Klan plans to do, but the nightly appearances are said to be noticed.

COURT DEALS BLOW TO NIGHT RIDERS

Arkansas Torchbearers Who
Terrorized 'Little Georgia'

Go to Prison
The Chicago Defender
11-2-19
(By Century News Service)

Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 21.—The attempts of the Kuklux Klan to arise in power and frighten residents of this state into submission by the use of torch and gun have been checked by the action which Prosecuting Attorney John D. Hoskins has directed against them in the local courts. Several white men charged with arson and night riding in the vicinity of Buckville last March have been convicted and sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary. Others are yet to be tried on the same offense.

Riders Carried Torches

Porter Brown (white) was the first man brought to trial. He was charged with being a ringleader of the night riders that visited a settlement known as "Little Georgia," thickly populated by our people. The night riders carried torches and applied them to ten residences which were swept away by fire. Men, women and children were driven into the streets and forced to flee from the burning structures in their night clothes.

State Witnesses Threatened

When the cases were called to trial witnesses against the night riders were intimidated by sympathizing friends, and in one instance a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of John L. Smith (white), who, it is alleged, told Mrs. Jincy Hill, a victim of the riders, that unless she spirited her daughter away from this city the girl would be arrested on a charge of bootlegging. Fearing her girl would be disgraced by such an attack on her character, Mrs. Hill notified the prosecuting attorney and Smith was taken into custody.

Virgil Housely (white), the second man to face the court, charged with having burned homes and hurled dynamite, was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. It was rumored at the time of the night riding that the white men sought to obtain valuable land owned by our people.

KU KLUX KLAN PARADE
The Chicago Defender
11-2-19
Streets of Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., May 23.—The order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (incorporated) has just completed its anniversary ceremony here. One of the events of the ceremony was a big parade through the heart of the city.

The imperial wizard reiterated his "imperial proclamation," which in part is as follows: "We stand for the rightful setting of the races and a due respect for racial barriers erected by the Creator of the races of men. No name thrills and inspires as does ours; we must not, we shall not, we will not do aught to efface its hallowed fame."

CEREMONIAL IS HELD
BY THE KU KLUX KLAN
3-5-19

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He said further in his message: "It is true that the misinformed, the uninformed and the ignorant among the citizenry of our great nation have gotten grossly false impressions and formulated opinions that are greatly in error concerning our great institutions, and to this end I will say frankly that this great order will not compromise its dignity by stooping to foster or encourage any propaganda of religious intolerance or racial prejudice—we are pure Americans.

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FALSE FRIENDSHIP

The repeated statement which has been made that the Negro's best friends among the white race are in the South, is losing its heretofore footing as fast as the days go by. The sugar coated arguments that have been advanced in support of such assertions have lost their sweetness and the real facts are showing themselves as never before.

Strange as it may appear, some of the leaders of our own race have, from the platform and pulpit, preached such non-sensical "stuff" for a half century, and the white press of the South has lauded their remarks as coming from a Moses or a Solomon. At the same time leaders among the white race supported by the press have told the colored people of the South, "We are your friends." "We understand each other." They have pointed out that the best opportunity to earn a living is "down here." They have always contended that there "was no problem or race problem in the South, and only when outside "meddlers" interfered was there any friction between the races,

Looking at the arguments advanced in support of such a claim we are forced to brand them as false in their conception and rotten to the core. The very nature of things is contrary to logical thinking. There has been no friendship in the conception nor the promulgation of such doctrine. It was born out of selfishness, and advocated for personal gain. So there could not have been any foundation for truth in the beginning.

The Real Motive. The people of the South have spent most of their time, intelligence and energy trying to keep the Negro down. Every means at their command be they fair or foul have been used to this end. No depth has been too low for them to plunge when they thought it would stop the onward march of the Negro. They tell the world that they sympathize with the Negro, and yet they **burn** him at the stake. They say they will give him work, yet they take his rights as citizens. They say, "We understand each other," yet they take the lion's share! They say "We want to help the Negro," yet deny them school privileges. They say, "We believe in justice and fair play," yet they make null and void the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

We are glad that the people of the nation no longer believe such statements. Time has told a wonderful **truth**. The recent revival of the Klu Klux Klan in the South gives their professed friendship the "black eye."

The Negro will do well to give no heed to these self seekers. It is "the hand of Esau but the voice of Jacob." Wisdom would suggest to any people at all times to **beware** of false friends. They are worse than open enemies. If the so-called leaders of our race have in the past been unthoughtful or indifferent to facts, there will be no excuse for the future—Old Time has told a wonderful story.

KU KLUX FORMED IN CALHOUN COUNTY

ANNISTON, ALA., Oct. 18.—Recent reconstruction days in the South were recalled here this week when it became

known that a Ku Klux Klan had been formed by a number of Annistonians. The Klan is a modern adoption of the after-war idea of a vigilance committee and instead of riding horseback, as did the ante-bellum white-clad regulators, they travel in automobiles. The first appearance after ten o'clock at night, of the members of the Klan in

white robes and with faces hidden, created something of a sensation. The Klan has attempted no regulatory activities and it is not anticipated that there will be a necessity for such action. Seventeen men composed the organization on its first appearance on the streets.

Ku-Klux-Klan Says It's Harmless; But We Are from Missouri

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This blood-curdled organization which stood for all that was "noble and good" during Reconstruction days, when the "noble and good" meant shooting down thousands of innocent colored people in cold blood, may have reformed, but we are from Missouri.—The Editor.

Georgia Plans to Increase Crime

The Chicago Defender
Ku Klux Klan Quietly Organized at Columbus; Gets

Charter From State
1-11-19
(By Continental Press)

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 10.—A society to be known as the Ku Klux Klan has been secretly organized in this city, and literature stating the purpose of the society is being distributed broadcast over the state. A charter has been granted for the operation of this organization by the State Department at Atlanta, and workers of the Klan are busily establishing lodges throughout the smaller communities. The headquarters of the order are only exposed by the address given in the daily papers, which reads: "Address all communications to Tl-Bo-Him, Box 943, Columbus, Ga." Other than this address, nothing is known of the permanent quarters from which the vile society is formating its plans.

Agents Are Active
Agents of the organization are advised to "pick" the men who are to compose the society, the heads of the organization declaring that it is of great importance that those identified with the secrets be careful in disclosing the main object and purport of the organizations. A pamphlet issued reads: "The spirit of the old Ku Klux Klan still lives, and, while conditions are different, there exists those sacred principles to defend pure Americanism against Negro invasion; to forever maintain white supremacy; to shield the sanctity of the home and virtue of womanhood."

Other States Invaded
The spirit of the Ku Klux Klan is establishing itself throughout the entire Southland. At Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., the organization is being viewed with favor, and has collected together white citizens who have pledged themselves to support its principles and to adhere to its early traditions. In speaking of the operations of the Ku Klux Klan a prominent white merchant of Columbus said: "Its noble work was, indeed, well done. The tice in all affairs, and the rightful setting of the races and a due respect for racial barriers erected by the Creator others, who aided greatly in driving the the races of men. We seek only the highest and best interest of all, without fear and without reproach. We are the only original Ku-Klux Klan, and to the informed and really intelligent, no name thrills and inspires to noble action as does ours; therefore, we must not, we shall not, we will not, disgrace that name, nor do aught to efface its hallowed fame."

Samuel Housely, brother, Green, Porter and William Brown, no brothers. This gang is now lodged in jail here waiting trial charged with arson. The indictments grew out of the burning of homes of three prominent families living near Buckville, several weeks ago. The Housely boys are said to be members of the Ku Klux Klan recently established to prevent citizens of our Race from exercising their right of suffrage.

This group of men entered the village of Buckville, March 29, and dynamited houses, poured kerosene on churches and placed the town in a blaze. As people rushed from the burning dwellings shots were fired at them. The Brown boys are accused of furnishing the dynamite.

Citizens Wage War on Ku Klux Klan

1-18-19
Chattanooga Drafts Plans to

Blot Out Order Mayor
Littleton, WNI Aid
10-11-19

(By Continental Press)
Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 17.—Although prominent citizens throughout the state declare that there is "nothing to the Ku-Klux Klan operation," white citizens of this city recently pledged their support to aid the people of the city in advocating the abolition of the nefarious organization. A meeting was held at the Wiley Memorial M. E. church (white), corner Fifth and Lookout streets, recently. The purpose of the meeting was to voice protest against the Columbian Union, or the Ku Klux Klan. Mayor Littleton, City Commissioners Betterton, Dr. T. Herron, Dr. Brown and Prof. Abel addressed the gathering. These forces were brought together following the expose of the order by writing which appeared in the Chicago Defender.

Other Cities Quiet
It was declared at the meeting that Nashville, the hotbed of the order, and Memphis were viewing the plans of the clan with little concern and knew absolutely nothing of its existence. A clipping from a Nashville newspaper advertising the organization was produced. It was also noted that the organization had been granted a charter in Georgia and agencies were at work establishing lodges throughout the state. It is stated that Alabama is the next vicinity marked for invasion. Assurance was given by the mayor that the Ku Klux would be fought to the last ditch and that efforts would be made to have the charter revoked.

Send Letter of Threat
Threatening letters have already been sent out by the clan advising all persons who hold antagonistic views regarding the organization's operations "to watch their step lest injury befall them." In view of these threats committees throughout the state have avowed their readiness to attack the revival of reconstruction tactics.

NAB NIGHT RIDERS WHO BURNED MANY HOMES

Indictments made by the grand jury resulted in the arrest of Virgil, Frank and